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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on BPAI- Reversed Mailed 08/13/09.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 11-13 and 21-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 11-13 and 21-27 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 February 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/877,035.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>08/20/09; 03/17/08 and 02/27/08</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to BPAD- Decision- Reversed mailed 08/13/2009.

Claims 1-4, 11-13, and 21-27 are pending in the case. Claims 5-10, and 14-20 previously cancelled. Claims 1 and 11 are independent claim.

All claims rejections are withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Information Disclosure Statement

A signed and dated copy of applicant's IDS, which was filed on 08/20/2009; 03/17/2008, and 02/27/2008, are attached to this Office Action.

It is noted, a portion of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed 03/17/2008, and 02/27/2008 fail to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 because one the references does not list the RELEVANT PAGES [RULE 1.98 (B) (5)] of the publication as required. The examiner has not considered has lined through, that portion of the Information Disclosure Statement as to the merits (see the attachments strike-out line items for details).

Applicant is advised that the date, title and author of any re-submission of any item of information contained in these Information Disclosure Statements or the submission of any missing elements will be the date, title and author of submission for purposes of determining compliance with the requirements based on the time of filing the statement, and title and author including all certification requirements for statements under 37 CFR 1.97(e). See MPEP § 609.05(a).

Specification

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: the recited "***analyzer***" per claim 1; and "***selector***" per claim(s) 11, 12, and 13 [see claims 1 and 11-13 @ page(s) 28, 29, and 30 of Appeal Brief dated 02/27/2005]. The Specification does not mention the recited "*analyzer*" and "*selector*" that allows the meaning of the term to be ascertained, as required in 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Quoc A. Tran whose telephone number is 571-272-8664. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon through Fri 8AM - 5PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doug Hutton can be reached on (571)272-4137. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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